

THE DISCOVERY

OF

CAPTAIN BURT

and

ALDERMAN BROOKS.

Of a new Design of the Papists, to
invalidate the Evidence of Mr. OATS and
Mr. BEDLOW, and to charge the late Plot
upon the

PROTESTANTS

Of this

KINGDOME.

WHEREIN

Are the Depositions of the said Burt and Brooks, as they were taken
Before Dr. Joseph Williamson Kt. one of his Majesties late
Principal Secretaries of State.

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Num^o 23. 23. Surely there is no Incantment against Jacob, neither
is there any Discrimination against Israel, &c.

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Of a new Design of the Whistle, to
investigate the Evidence of Mr. OATS and
Mr. BARNES, and to determine the Justice



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EDWARDS

At the Direction of the said Burt and Brooks, as they were taken
before the Judge, William Lee, one of his Majesty's Justices
in the said Court of Justice.

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I Persume I need not spend my time in circumlocuting and
 means to convince the Reader of the late ducal diffidence
 noble Delights of the Roman Conspirators against his
 Majesties Sacred Person, the Government, the Protestant
 Religion, our Laws, our Liberties and Liberties of which our
 King, Lords and Commons have been so fully and so firmly
 convinced, and our Judges, Justices and Jurors so evidently
 satisfied, as that several of the transgressors have been already
 brought to condign punishment, which methinks should have
 enough to stop the mouths and stay the hands of these daring wretches,
 as that nothing will retard or delay the prosecution and their
 bloody Designs, yet, though I know to self, I should be bold
 then, and refuse to stand up for the world, the spirit and will
 nies that they are continually harboring, and that they have not
 need not in the Queen's Palace, and the State of the
 instances of their insupportable offences, and that they have
 inhuman conduct, I may say by the Christian world, the
 forces, together with their capital rebellion, which is the
 which History has recorded with such an indelible character
 (I doubt not) will be handed down to times to come, and that
 like the affords us matter enough to engrave upon the blood
 Thence if you do view the Murther of the Duke of
 Blood, the burning and deluging of his army, and the other
 ballistances of that Antichristian Band, which are
 are too many to number, we have way to the
 execrable Barbarity, that may raise in the world
 such a storm, as will be pernicious to the world, and that
 breath in the air, and that will be the end of the world
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 But to complete and fill up the measure of their wickedness
 to the brim) which their Blood are discovered and

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gins to behold their villanies, then they endeavour and do all they can to gather them upon the innocent Protestants; to make themselves to quite and clear themselves; which is visible in the Narrative of the Powder Plot; which (though they themselves were to be the bloody Authors of; as may be undeniably proved) yet they have attempted to divert it upon and impute it to the Papists as a kind of theirs. On this policy, and though this late Hellish Plot (different from their own) was to be managed and carried on by several Catholics, which is as evident as that the Sun shines at Noon day; yet you will see by the reasons proposed, that they would have rather it upon Protestants than Papists; as it was to be such a Plot as to be executed in the City, and not far from it, as the Sacred Person of the King, that they would venture their Lives and Fortunes in the Royal Service, however they may have some secretly significant, for which they might not themselves choose to answer.

The Depositions following are a true Copy of the Original, which was given in to Sir, Joseph Williamson, though they are not drawn with such Language as might be expected, yet for the sake of Truth, I am unwilling to alter a Word. And in regard if you are some of those that are desirous to be apprehended by it, in bare reading of it, I think it convenient to acquaint the Reader with a man who is mentioned in the Depositions is an Irishman called a Rank Papist, and lately a Sergeant and supposed to be Employed by ———— and was the chief Actor in this Design. Newman and Brown are also the same Persons, and now (or lately) Prisoners in the Tower; and have since confessed the whole matter upon Examination. As for the Depositions, they are both with the same names, and former acquaintance with Blackwell, would have been sufficient.

on Munday, But if I hear any thing in the meantime I will write to you, and it shall be left at Mr. Brooks his Lodging, I hear (said I) the Parliament is Prorogued, thats true enough said he, and till they meet again we can receive no great damage, but (said he) I hear the Apprentices are ready to rise and pull down Newgate (said I) then I suppose that is because the men are not executed, what else (said he) and that is our great danger, that the people should run into a Rebellion before we accomplish our business. (I asked him if he had taken an abstract as he said he would of what that man in the Prison could swear) to take off Mr. Bedlows Evidence, why we are sure enough of him, & shall make Bedlow Rogue enough, pray said I, what will he swear, why, that the very morning the Proclamation came forth concerning Sr. Edmund Bury Godfrey, Mr. Bedlow came to his Chamber, and asked him if he had ever seen Sr. Edmund Bury Godfrey for (said he) if I knew what a like man he was, I could easily get 500 l. and however I am resolved to hazard my neck but I will have it, and that he would have had some men have gone with him to Somerset House to see the Rooms, and promised to get him money if he would go with him, but (said I) Mr. Netterville, it is said that Bedlow was out of town before the Proclamation came out, that is not so said he, for this mans wife went into the Country with him, a great deal of discourse more we had, all tending to the encouraging of me to carry on this business (to turn this Plot to be a Protestant Plot for the destruction of the Papists) and then I should be made for ever. when I paid the reckoning and was coming away, said he (you will alwaies come to your charge) but I hope the end will pay for all.

On Wednesday the 2^d 20th at night I went to Mr. Netterville expecting to have the model how they would have me swear and in what Goldsmiths hands they would put the 500 l. but as

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Our

Brewer.

soon as ever I came to him, he told me that he had been put into such a fright that he never was in all his life before, for (said he) Mr. Oats, Mr. Bedlow and Sr. Will. Waller and another Justice have been with me, they call'd for Irons, one would have fifty pound weight, another an hundred pound weight put upon me, at length Sr. Will. Waller began to examine me and told me he knew I could discover a great deal, so I desired the rest might be put out of the room, and I confess'd all to him and the other Justice, they both promising me my pardon; have you confess'd all said I? how could I help it said he, I was never in such a fright in all my life, and they promised me my pardon, what have you confess'd (said I?) I have told them (said he) that £500 I was to be deposited in a Goldsmiths bands, and that I had sent for a Gentleman and treated with him about it, have you told them my name, said I? (he paus'd at that) no said he but I must tell them, but I thought fit to acquaint you with it, then said I it seems you have left me in the Lurch and made no provision for me, therefore since it is so, you must give me leave to play my own game, and seeing you have confess'd, let us now play our game as well as we can on the other side, and be sure to be ingenious, and confess what ever we know, I will immediately to Sr. Joseph Williamson and declare the whole story, pray do so, need not no time but go to night, and I am parted.

The Depositions of Alderman Brookes.

At London about the 27th. of Decem. 1688. I was at the Mann-shall in Southwark, where was one James Neale, a Prisoner there for Debt, who desired me to do so much for him as to carry a note for a friend of his that was a Whig also, unto one Percy Butler, who lived in St. Germain Street near my Lodging, and that if I would please any of his friends to come to his friend there, he would have money enough, wherof he would have a share, and it would also be a great kindness to him, wherupon I told him

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would, I prohibited her from writing to me quickly, whereupon she left
forth his friends and they two consulted together; and he forgot the
of their lines and gave them me for the said Butler, but when I
came to the place where I was directed, they told me he was gone
out of town in obedience to the Kings proclamation, which I de-
clared my self to further, but was the paper in my pocket at that time.

The next morning he sent a messenger to me, to know what I
had done in it, I desired him to tell me: *He said* that the said Butler
was gone out of town in obedience to his Majesties proclamation.
About 10 days after I had occasion for some waste paper, I put
ting my hand in my pocket I light on this note that I should have
delivered to Butler, I kept it and sent it to him in it there was
written to do this affair.

So I am here committed by the name of *Daniel Edmonds* by a
Justice of Peace in the Countrey as being a Recusant, & therefore I
desire of you, that you will come unto me here, that I may advise with
you, and in so doing you will oblige, your friend *Dominick Kelley*.
It is run in my mind till about the 14th Instant at night, and
then being at *Mr. Proffers* Coffee house and *Charles Croft* at that
I met with a Paper intituled, *Mr. Frances discovery of the Plot*,
and of *Sr. Edmund Bury Godfreys Murderers* wherein (amongst
other things) there was mentioned two Irish Priests to be guilty
of the same named *Gerard*, and the other *William*, who came
into my mind that the thing I was to catch the story of the
Plot, Germain three might be the same Kelley, and that the other
he was committed by the name of *Edmonds*, and his name was
Kelley.

After that morning being clear of this instant time, I came
to the before said *William Kelley* the day I cannot here, and com-
ing to the *ashfield* in New, and after some secret discourse I asked
him how his name was, and that I carried the paper to him, he told me that
he was gone, I asked him how he got out, he told me he procured
Bail, then I asked him what he was, he told me that he was a
Priest, and one of those that Ours that *Hogge* had impeached, I
asked him how he could get Bail being a Priest, he told me they
did not know that he was a Priest, and those that were his Bail
would

would be paid for my and for money, and he gave them ten shillings a piece, and the fellows that mortgaged them: & shillings, & he got them the Copy of his Courtroll for £ 500 to write by, and the Priest promised him the said New-coll seven pounds, but he had not left it him so yet, and so he left this business and came to other.

That he having sent by me a Letter and a petition to Mrs. Eli-son Wall a Gentlewoman that belongs to the Wardens of Port-mouth, (whom he calls Cozen) whereby to get him some money for his present supply, but I having no opportunity to meet with her, could give him no account of that matter, whereupon he said he was in such want, that if he had not help speedily, he should be turn'd into the Common side; I told him that money was so scarce with me that I could not lend him any, but if I could I would: Whereupon he called me aside into the corner of the yard by the Gate, and told me that if I would be misled by him, he would put me into a way whereby we should have money enough; I asked him how, he told me that if I would but join and assist to building the Evidence of Oats and Bedlow those two Magues: Whereupon I laughed at him and said it is impossible, their Evidence was grounded upon an old good foundation, he told me I was mistaken, and I should hear otherwise in a little while.

Upon the 17th. of January I went again to him thinking to have gathered something of him what was become of this Plot; he could not, and taking my leave of him, saying; I must go home, for I had some business to write for Ireland; to send by Cap. Bury, who was to go on Monday, he told me he believed he should stop Cap. Buries journey, I told him I hoped not so, he answered it should not be to his prejudice, to which I answered, why then withal my heart, for I would not be against any thing that should be for his good. And so there came in one (Ruffel) an Irish man that had some business with him, and so we parted.

BROOKS.

Now

Now Reader thou hast seen the whole contrivance, and thou shalt easily discern what the intentions of the Romanists were, what the natural consequence thereof would have been, I leave to thy own conjecture; and shall only add this (true circumstance) a farther confirmation of their wicked design in this matter. *viz.*

That several persons (by them appointed) were a little before this discovery at the houses of some Presbyterians, well known in the City of *London*, to pray their charitable contribution towards the maintenance of Mr. *Oates* and Mr. *Bedlow*, upon this specious (though false) suggestion. That his Majesties allowance was not sufficient for their encouragement, but the parties to whom they applyed themselves (supposing their intentions were to abuse their King and Countrey, and to procure coyn for themselves) rejected them with checks. And it was well they did, for otherwise who knows what advantage they might have made thereof, in order to the effecting their wicked enterprise.

And thus I have done, trusting to the Readers candor (which if a Protestant I do not doubt of) if a Papist, neither expect or ease for it, I being one of a quite different Principle; and one whose Prayers as well as Endeavours shall be constantly engaged, for the frustration of their hellish attempts.

Concerning my intentions in the Publication of these Depositions, they were only for the publick good, and to expose to view the wicked subtilties of these men; that the Nation (and all true Protestants) may be made sensible of their devices, that if ever they use the same, or the like again, they may be with the more ease detected and rendered Abortive; And also that all sincere Christians, may ascribe the praise of all their Deliverances (as well of this as others) to that God who hath so visibly and constantly appeared for the Vindication of his People; and for the punishing the persons, as well as rendering unsuccessful the attempts of His, and Their Impious

